

Minutes- Joint Meeting  
Security Committee – Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID  
February 14, 2008

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Attendance: HBID Committee Members Present: Nathan Korman, Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire. Not Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; David Bolour, Michael Carsch. SVBID Committee Members Present: Darcy Judd, Chairperson; Fred Rosenthal. Not Present: George Abou-Daoud, Richard Inouye. Liaisons: Senior Lead Officer Danny Pesqueira, Officer Irvin Isabella, LAPD; Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LASD. Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Will Rivera, Larry Webster LA City Attorney's Office; Helen Leung, Council District 13 Office. Guests: Jeff Hanlon, Hollywood Roosevelt. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance; Don Duckworth, Duckworth Consulting.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Darcy Judd at 10:05 A.M.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Due to a shortage of members for a quorum the approval of the November 8, 2007 meeting minutes were postponed until the Committee's March meeting.
4. **Reports:**
  - A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler presented to the Committee the statistics through the 2007 year. Seyler also discussed the current trends in the BID for the 2008 year. Recently Andrews' officers had arrested several suspects for trespassing in the KFWB building. The suspects had been living in the building for some time when the BID officers discovered them. Andrews also hosted an outreach meeting this past month with PATH and other local service providers in the area. Seyler reported that he felt that the officers had received a great reception from many of the service providers in the room who have found working with Andrews to be a great experience. Supervising Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, Larry Webster and property owner Thaddeus Smith commended Andrews International on their efforts in the BID over the past year.
  - B. Report from LAPD: Officer Danny Pesqueira updated the Committee on the recent statistics for the "Box" area, which encompasses a majority of the H.E.D. and part of the Sunset and Vine BID. For the year there have been reductions in Part 1 and Part 2 crimes in the box area. Officer Pesqueira reported that Hollywood and Highland remains one of the busiest areas in the division. Due to the increase in population caused by

the Academy Awards, the Hollywood division has been loaned an extra set of officers to help in the area over the next two weeks. In their first five days in the area the officers were able to make 100 arrests and distribute 500 citations.

Officer Pesqueira also reported that he has been working with nightclub owners in the area to ensure that LAPD has adequate details in advance of events they may be occurring on any given night in the division. Darcy Judd informed Officer Pesqueira of a problem the Arclight parking structure has been experiencing with club patrons leaving late at night. Jeff Hanlon, head of security for the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, reported on a similar problem. Officer Pesqueira encouraged both Judd and Hanlon to contact him after the meeting so that he could see what could be done to help minimize the problems in the area.

- C. Report from Neighborhood Prosecutor Will Rivera: Will Rivera reported that currently he has been working with LAPD to help mitigate several issues in the area. One of the major issues he has come across is in regards to nuisance abatement for condo and apartment residents in the BID. Rivera recently met with the City's Nuisance Abatement Attorney and the two have begun to communicate more to avoid overlapping on several of the same problems, while at the same time working together with Building and Safety to see what can be done to help minimize the complaints. Rivera mentioned that several criticisms have arisen with residents concerned about the amount of noise caused by nightclubs in the area. Morrison informed the group that as more condos and residential units become available residents will need to be better informed that they are moving into an entertainment district. Morrison suggests that at the next meeting the group should have part of the meeting dedicated to discussing and becoming more educated on noise standards for the community. Rivera said he would be happy to help contribute.
- D. Report from L.A. County Sheriff: Deputy Jerry Hankerson reported that the Sheriff's Department is continuing to monitor the Metro Rail in the area. The Sheriff's are continuing to experience a problem with the homeless population in the area, especially on Metro trains and stations. Hankerson reported that the Sheriffs have begun working after hours to try and limit the problem.

## **5. Old Business:**

- A. Street Characters: Morrison informed the Committee that she had recently met with Police Chief William Bratton and had showed him the disturbing video of some of the street characters in front of Hollywood and Highland beating and harassing an innocent bystander. Chief Bratton said that the situation needed to be addressed. Morrison also mentioned that L.A. Times writer Dave Gardetta was writing a freelance piece for GQ that

would also discuss the problem. Archie Gibbs, a film maker, is hoping to release his documentary soon which shows the more serious side of the street character situation. Morrison is hoping that with this kind of exposure the issue will make itself more prevalent to the public so that something can be done to address the situation.

- B. Camera Maintenance Plan: The Hollywood Entertainment District has set aside in its budget money to purchase a continued maintenance plan of the cameras at the Hollywood station for the next year. Morrison is waiting for the Media District BID to agree to contribute to the umbrella contract that would cover maintenance for all cameras in the Hollywood station, and would be paid for by each of their respective owners: Media District BID, Council District 13 Office and the H.E.D.
- C. Homeless Update: Morrison and Jeff Briggs recently met with representatives from the United Way and found that the organization is hoping to bring out Phil Mangano, a national leader in the fight to end homelessness, to the area in April to speak to the business community. Morrison will inform the Committee when more details become available.
- D. PATH H.E.R.O. Press Conference: The H.E.R.O. press conference which was originally scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2008 has been rescheduled to a later date. More details are to follow.
- E. Feeding Program Update: Morrison informed the board that the Get Love Feeding program has recently moved from its previous Ivar Avenue location to a new location at Vista Del Mar Street. Rivera also informed the Committee that he recently attended a meeting with the West Hollywood Food Coalition. Rivera says although the Get Love program has moved from its Ivar Avenue location the community should continue to make an effort to have outreach programs in the area collaborate on putting all their resources together to help accomplish the common goal of ending homelessness in Hollywood. Rivera suggested that the programs possibly hand out food stamps rather than food, similar to what other programs do in other areas of the city. Morrison mentioned that there is a plan to bring the various feeding programs in the area together to discuss where common goals can be met in a collaborative way.

**6. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Suite 200, Hollywood, CA. 90028).

**7. Adjournment:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Darcy Judd at 11:14 A.M.